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MEMORANDUM FOR

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MR. BRYCE HARLOW
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SUBJECT: PROPERTY REVIEW BOARD

In the President's message on the environment of February 10, he stated:

"By Executive Order, I am directing the heads of all Federal agencies and the Administrator of General Services to institute a review of all Federally-owned real properties that should be considered for other uses. The test will be whether a particular property's continued present use or another would better serve the public interest, considering both the agency's needs and the property's location. Special emphasis will be placed on identifying properties that could appropriately be converted to parks and recreation areas, or sold, so that proceeds can be made available to provide additional park and recreation lands.

I am establishing a Property Review Board to review the GSA reports and recommend to me what properties should be converted or sold. This Board will consist of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, the Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality and the Administrator of General Services, plus others that I may designate."

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The President has appointed the following additional members to the Review Board: Bryce M. Harlow, Counsellor to the President; John Ehrlichman, Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs; and Donald Rumsfeld, Assistant to the President. Mr. Harlow will serve as Chairman of the Review Board. Darrell Trent, Deputy Assistant to the President, will act as Executive Director.

Reports from the General Services Administration and other government agencies are due April 13 on an initial inventory of the property owned by each agency which might be converted to a higher use, for example, parks, hospitals, etc. As soon as these reports have been evaluated, the full Property Review Board will be convened to review and make the necessary decisions.


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